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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE HAVE SENT A CABLE TO TOKYO, INFO MOSCOW, CONFIRMING THE PARTICIPANTS FOR THE US-JAPAN SOVIET EXPERTS' TALKS SCHEDULED FOR TOKYO OCTOBER 25-26. PAUL COOK WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF BILL BROWN IS STILL INTERESTED IN VISITING PEKING ON THE WAY BACK FROM THE TALKS WITH THE JAPANESE. PAUL INDICATED THAT HE INTENDS TO VISIT PEKING IN ANY EVENT, BUT WOULD WELCOME GOING WITH BILL. PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE WILL INFORM PAUL.

2. WE HAVE TWO PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION IN AMBASSADOR'S CONSULTATIONS. 1) WE THINK A BRIEF MEETING WITH NEW A-100 OFFICERS, LANGUAGE STUDENTS AND OTHERS HEADED FOR SOVIET UNION ASSIGNMENTS WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN DEVELOPING ESPRIT DE CORPS, AND ALSO IN CONTINUING THE MOMENTUM OF HIS
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PERSONAL INITIATIVE AND ATTENTION TO BUILDING THE CORPS. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO US IN KEEPING PEOPLE HERE FOCUSED ON THE CORPS BUILDING EFFORT. 2) WE ALSO SUGGEST APPOINTMENTS WITH BEN READ AND JOHN THOMAS TO GO OVER WHERE WE ARE ON FIRE REPAIRS, AS WELL AS OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS.

3. RE MOSCOW 13328, POSITION REFERRED TO IN STATE
218228 IS RESTORED ASSISTANT PPO SLOT WHICH HAS BEEN
DISCUSSED WITH YOU IN ANOTHER CHANNEL.

4. WE HAVE BAD NEWS, BUT A WAY TO TURN IT TO BENEFIT. WE
LOST FRIED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF RAY SMITH'S REPORTED
UNWILLINGNESS TO EXTEND UNLESS CINDY GETS A JOB. PER
ARGUED WITH LOGIC THAT LOSS OF RAY WOULD WIPE OUT THE ONE
OVERCOMPLEMENT TRAINEE WE NOW HAVE, WHILE TAKING CINDY
WOULD AUTOMATICALLY GIVE US THE PROMISED SECOND TRAINEE
(PROVIDED WE COULD PERSUADE SOMEONE AT FSI TO FOREGO
ASSIGNMENT AND DO A SECOND YEAR OF TRAINING). PER PROPOSES
TO PUT CINDY ON LEAVE WITHOUT PAY, GIVE HER INTENSIVE
RUSSIAN AT POST AND ASSIGN HER TO CONSULAR NEXT SUMMER.
PER WON'T BUY A "GENERAL" TRAINING POSITION FOR HER AND
NOTES THAT WE EARLIER ASKED FOR HER, VICE CARTER, AS
CONSULAR OFFICER.

THIS MEANS A CONSULAR OFFICER HAS TO BE ASSIGNED ELSEWHERE
NEXT SUMMER. MAY WE SUGGEST THAT WEISZ (WHO IS DEVOURING
FILES AND WORK HERE) IS AN EXCELLENT INVESTMENT FOR A
YEAR AT GARMISCH NEXT SUMMER, FOLLOWED BY RETURN TO MOSCOW
VICE STARBIRD IN 1979. WEISZ' PHD IS IN SOVIET ECONOMICS
AND, ALONG WITH LANG WHO IS DOING EXCELLENTLY AT FSI,
THIS WOULD GIVE YOU A STRONG ECONOMIC SECTION AT THE TIME
KEN SKOUG LEAVES. YOU WOULD ALSO HAVE, FOR 1978-79, A
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VETERAN IN RESERVE NEARBY. HOW DOES THAT SOUND?

5. ROBIN PORTER EXPECTS TO RETURN TO MOSCOW, MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, AND TO DEPART FOR KIEV SEPTEMBER 20 BY
OVERNIGHT TRAIN. VANCE

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